

# Department of Correction's Training Institute Recommended for ACA Accreditation with High Marks

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New Castle, Indiana - (July 31, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue was pleased to announce today that the Department's Correctional Training Institute (CTI) passed their audit with a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA), and an extraordinary 98.8 percent on the non-mandatory ACA standards.

"Prepared and professional staff" and an "organized" and "clean" training facility were just a few of the comments made by the independent auditors selected by ACA to inspect CTI.

"Staff at CTI has taken correctional training to the next level," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "I am proud of the fact that the trainers and administrators that operate the Department's training academy have attained national ACA standards by promoting quality practices and programs. It takes a team of devoted professionals to build such a well-rounded training facility that emphasizes fundamental correctional practices and teaches best correctional practices to all Department staff. The caliber of training at this facility truly improves the level of service at all of the Department's correctional facilities."

The audit team spent two days at CTI touring the grounds and going through policies and procedures, and observing practices before finalizing its recommended score.

"I am very proud of my team's efforts in preparing for this audit," said Dan Ronay, Director of Training. "It will be our continued effort to ensure that this facility maintains or exceeds the standards now validated by the ACA audit team."

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### **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.